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H.B. No. 1632

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of certain identifying information of peace officers, county jailers, security officers, employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or a prosecutor's office, or judges and their spouses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 13.004(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The following information furnished on a registration application is confidential and does not constitute public information for purposes of Chapter 552, Government Code:

(1) a social security number;

(2) a Texas driver's license number;

(3) a number of a personal identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety;

(4) an indication that an applicant is interested in working as an election judge; or

(5) the residence address of the applicant, if the applicant is a federal judge or state judge, as defined by Section 13.0021, ~~or~~ the spouse of a federal judge or state judge, or an individual to whom Section 552.1175, Government Code, applies and the applicant:

(A) included an affidavit with the registration application describing the applicant's status under this

1 subdivision, including an affidavit under Section 13.0021 if the
2 applicant is a federal judge or state judge or the spouse of a
3 federal judge or state judge; ~~or~~

4 (B) provided the registrar with ~~[has received]~~ an
5 affidavit describing the applicant's status under this
6 subdivision, including an affidavit ~~[submitted]~~ under Section
7 15.0215 if the applicant is a federal judge or state judge or the
8 spouse of a federal judge or state judge; or

9 (C) provided the registrar with a completed form
10 approved by the secretary of state for the purpose of notifying the
11 registrar of the applicant's status under this subdivision.

12 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 552.1175, Government
13 Code, is amended to read as follows:

14 Sec. 552.1175. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN IDENTIFYING
15 [~~ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, AND~~
16 ~~PERSONAL FAMILY~~] INFORMATION OF PEACE OFFICERS, COUNTY JAILERS,
17 SECURITY OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
18 CRIMINAL JUSTICE OR A PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.

19 SECTION 3. Sections 552.1175(b) and (e), Government Code,
20 are amended to read as follows:

21 (b) Information that relates to the home address, home
22 telephone number, emergency contact information, date of birth, or
23 social security number of an individual to whom this section
24 applies, or that reveals whether the individual has family members
25 is confidential and may not be disclosed to the public under this
26 chapter if the individual to whom the information relates:

27 (1) chooses to restrict public access to the

1 information; and

2 (2) notifies the governmental body of the individual's
3 choice on a form provided by the governmental body, accompanied by
4 evidence of the individual's status.

5 (e) All documents filed with a county clerk and all
6 documents filed with a district clerk are exempt from this section,
7 except that the county clerk or district clerk may redact the street
8 address of an individual to whom this section applies from a
9 document filed with the clerk without the necessity of requesting a
10 decision from the attorney general under Subchapter G at the
11 request of the individual, if that individual identifies to the
12 clerk the specific document containing the address.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.